

# Colby Tells of Behavior Tests

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Washington, June 29 (News Bureau) — Central Intelligence Director William F. Colby said today that his agency, which has in its files information on more than 300,000 Americans, had conducted computer experiments on the "predictability of human behavior."

Responding to questions during an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Colby said:

"There have been some experiments in 'modeling' to see whether patterns grow, whether similar behavior will be followed in future times."

## On-Paper Simulations

Colby's reference to "modeling" was to the practice of setting up computer "models" of reality and then attempting to simulate, on paper, a set of circumstances to determine future actions.

The Central Intelligence Agency chief said there was nothing improper in the agency's computer modeling. "This is conducted under the strict rules of the agency," he said. "It is not a violation of the rules of the agency."

MENT," HE SAID. He did not specify the area of human behavior the CIA was interested in predicting. He did not give any details of the agency's computer models.

Colby said that the CIA had from 40 to 50 computer-information systems and that "obviously, we use computers a great deal in our business."

Under close questioning, Colby acknowledged that many CIA domestic spying activities which reached a peak during the Johnson administration, in an effort to determine whether antiwar demonstrations in this country were being masterminded from abroad — had been "technically illegal" in some respects.

Colby acknowledged also that, through what he called a

"misunderstanding," the White House was not informed when in 1973 the inspector general of the CIA found that the agency had been engaged in illegal activities. Instead, Colby said, he ordered the destruction of CIA records of the activities.

Colby denied that he had attempted to obstruct justice by ordering the records' destruction. He said he had merely been trying "to change the procedures of the agency and to eliminate any holdings we had which we should not have had."

But Colby was clear in his acknowledgment, that some of the CIA's activities had been illegal. In the past, he had used word like "missteps" or "misdeeds" to characterize these activities.

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